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Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Narendra R. Thappeta, declare as follows:

1. I am the attorney of record in the above-identified patent application.

2. Around January 16, 2001, I was requested to work with the inventors of the present patent application to prepare and file a US patent application. I initiated contact with Ms. Sailaja Attili, one of the named inventors before January 24, 2001.

3. Between January 24, 2001 and April 2, 2001, I received detailed information on the subject matter of the present application from Ms. Sailaja Attili, reviewed the provided information, prepared one or more drafts on which I received feedback, incorporated the feedback into the application drafts, and after finalizing the content application content, provided for execution to the inventors the declaration and assignment documents that were accompanying the present patent application.

4. On April 2, 2001, the present patent application, which has been assigned Application Serial No. 09/824,844, was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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